

Acres Home

Complete Communities
DRAFT Summary of Existing Plans
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HOUSTON



Civic Engagement

Summary of Existing Plans and Studies

Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	Voter Registration and Education	Expand voter education, produce a community newsletter	DON
◆	Build Leadership Skills	Provide resources and leadership training for civic leaders	DON

Families, Youth and Seniors

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	Youth Tutoring Program	Develop a program to tutor youth	
◆	Youth Programs	Expand access to vocational, mentoring, recreational, sex education, parenting and male initiatives programs	
◆	Youth Employment	Encourage local businesses to provide summer employment	City of Houston, Hire Houston Youth
◆	Youth Services	Provide services to homeless youth	
◆		Address latch key youth problems	

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Economy and Jobs






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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
 	Job training and employment	Expand education, access to trade schools, and job training programs to expand access to higher paying jobs; and address unemployment Create 100-200 jobs	City of Houston
	New Retail Development	Develop a grocery store in the neighborhood	City of Houston
 	Town Center	Develop new shopping center Create a Town Center along Antoine Dr. from Tidwell to Victory Dr.	
	Promote and Support Local Businesses	Provide technical assistance to area small businesses and provide other support	City of Houston
		Ensure business owners are aware of resources available	City of Houston
		Expand HUB opportunities and education	City of Houston
	Community Bank	Attract a community bank	
	Re-Entry Programs		

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Education

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◆	STEM Center	Bring a STEM Center to Acres Home	
◆	Adult Education	Provide computer classes for adults	HPL
◆	Youth Tutoring Program	Develop a program to tutor youth	HPL
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Health

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	Access to Health Services	Expand knowledge of and access to health programs such as "Saving Smiles" and "See to Succeed"	HD
◆	Houston Fire Department, Station 67	Provide a permanent paramedic at Station 67	HFD

Environment

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	Identify and Remediate Hazardous Sites	Identify hazardous sites, such as buried gas tanks and septic tanks	P&D
◆	Prevent Illegal Dumping	Develop a plan to minimize illegal dumping, including the dumping of chemicals into storm sewers Prevent dumping on Cebrun	PWE
◆	Heavy Trash Pickup	Provide information and campaign to educate people on heavy trash requirements/schedules	PWE, Solid Waste
◆	Health Hazards	Prevent outdoor burning (W. Little York and Sealy)	Health Dept.

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Housing

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◆	Home Repair/Rehab Programs	Identify programs to assist owners with home repair.	HCD
◆		Improve access to the Emergency Housing Repair Program	HCD
◆		Repair 25 Homes in two years	HCD
◆		Energy Efficiency Programs	DON
◆	Multi-Family Housing Stabilization	Work with property owners to stabilize and improve multi-family housing	DON; HCD
◆		Acquire and demolish property at De Soto Canal and Antoine terminus (complete?)	City of Houston; HCD
◆		Acquire and demolish property at De Soto and White Oak Bayou (complete?)	City of Houston; HCD
◆		Renovation of Holly View, Sterling Grove and Linda Vista Apartments	City of Houston; HCD
◆	Build New Housing	Identify areas with adequate infrastructure or large vacant tracts to build new housing.	HCD; P & D
◆		Build 100 new homes in 3 years	HCD; P & D
◆		Residential Townhomes along De Soto	HCD; P & D
◆		Mixed-Use Development @ Antoine Dr. and De Soto	HCD; P & D
◆		Residential Townhomes along Hollyview	HCD; P & D
◆		Residential Townhomes along Antoine Dr. at Diamond Ridge	HCD; P & D
◆	Build Affordable Rental Housing	Work to identify partners and builders to construct new tax credit property	HCD; P & D
◆	Homeownership Classes	Provide homeowner education classes	DON
◆	LARA Lots	Provide information and education of LARA Lot program	DON; LARA

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Infrastructure, Mobility and Transit

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	New Sidewalks	Construct sidewalks along major thoroughfares and near schools (identify key focus areas) 5800 Beall St. from Tidwell to W. Montgomery Ferguson Way to Victory Drive (2 Schools in the area) After flooding corrections, area surrounding Victory Dr. between bayou and W. Little York	PWE
◆	Street Improvements	Paving on Antoine Dr. from Victory Dr. to W. Gulf Bank Rd. and the western half of the surrounding Inwood Forest area Paving W. Little York Rd. from Wheatley St. to T.C. Jester Blvd. [completed] Pinemont Dr. from Ella Blvd. to N. Shepherd Dr. [ongoing] Reconstruction of Alabonson Rd. to TC Jester Blvd. section of Victory Dr. as four-lane roadway with two 6' bicycle lanes connecting to White Oak Bayou, a raised median with turn lanes, and 5' sidewalks Antoine Dr. between W. Tidwell Rd. and S. Victory Dr.: widen to 6 lanes with bike lanes After flooding corrections, area surrounding Victory Dr. between bayou and W. Little York	PWE PWE PWE PWE PWE PWE
◆	Streetscaping	Streetscape improvements on Antoine Dr. (Diamond Ridge to W. Little York) Streetscape improvements on Antoine Dr. (De Soto to Diamond Ridge) Streetscape improvements on Antoine Dr. (W. Little York to Victory) Enhancement of 5 Bridges (near intersection of Victory and W. Little York) Resurfacing, Antoine Dr. between Tidwell and Pinemont Paving section expansion, Balbo between De Soto and Paul Quinn	PWE PWE PWE HCFC
◆	Improved Traffic Signals	Traffic signal rehab/replacement intersection of W. Montgomery Rd. and W. Gulf Bank Rd. Traffic signal rehab/replacement intersection of S. Victory Dr. and TC Jester Blvd. Replace traffic signals on Antoine Dr. between W. Tidwell Rd. and S. Victory Dr.	PWE
◆	Improved Intersections	Improve visibility at Nuben and W. Little York (fence obstructing view) Antoine Dr. and W. Little York Rd.	PWE
◆	Street Lighting	Identify major thoroughfares and local streets that need additional street lighting (identify key focus areas) Improved Street Lighting on Tidwell between Shepherd and Wheatley Street Lights Out on Tidwell between Wheatley and Sam Rose	PWE; Centerpoint PWE; Centerpoint Centerpoint
◆	Street ROW Maintenance	Maintain area street right-of-ways (identify key focus areas)	PWE
◆	Drainage Projects	Maintain Area Ditches (Identify key focus areas) Upgrade Culverts (identify key focus areas) Blocked Culverts: Dyer Street Blocked Ditches: Highland Park	DON; Public Works PWE PWE PWE

◆		Ditch Maintenance: 3200 block Mansfield to Wheatley St.	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 1100 block of Mansfield St. to Wheatley	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 6500- 6600 block of Sealy Street to W. Little York and Wilberforest	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 2600-2700 block of Mansfield	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 1000 - 1100 block of Creekmont Dr.	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 1000 block of Cottage Oak	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 5300-5400 block of Park Plaza	PWE
◆		Ditch Maintenance: 1200-1700 block of W. Donovan	PWE
◆		With proposed improvements of Victory Dr. between Alabonson Rd. and TC Jester Blvd; related drainage improvements including inline detention and the development of additional detention at former Inwood Forest Golf Course	PWE
◆		Antoine Dr. between W. Tidwell Rd. and S. Victory Dr.: provide necessary upgrades to storm sewer system and utilities	PWE
◆		Area surrounding Victory Dr. between bayou and W. Little York: replace and upsize all insufficient storm sewers and inlets; storm sewer along Chateau Forest Dr. sized to convey the overland sheetflow within the ROW	PWE
◆	Bike Lanes	Antoine Dr. from W. Gulf Bank Rd. to Victory Dr. [ongoing]	PWE
◆		De Soto St. from Antoine Dr. to Wheatley St (shared on-street)	PWE
◆		Carver Rd., from W. Montgomery Rd., turning onto Wilburforce St., then turning onto Cebra St. and continuing onto Rosslyn Rd. until Tidwell Rd. (shared on-street)	PWE
◆		Long-term: Victory Dr. from Alabonson Rd. to N. Shepherd Dr. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: Alabonson Rd. from north of Bayou Forest Dr. to Victory Dr. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: Antoine Dr. from Victory Dr. to W. Tidwell Rd. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: TC Jester Blvd. from Victory Dr. to W. Tidwell Rd. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: Ella Blvd. from W. Gulf Bank Rd. continuing into Wheatley St. until Pinemont Dr. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: W. Tidwell Rd. from Wheatley St. until N. Shepherd Dr. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: Pinemont Dr. from Wheatley St. until N. Shepherd Dr. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
◆		Long-term: continuation of proposed path on Carver Rd. north to Hampton Rd. (shared on-street)	PWE
◆		Long-term: continuation of proposed path on Carver Rd. southeast to Cebra St. (shared on-street)	PWE
◆		Long-term: connect proposed De Soto St. lane (off-street)	PWE
◆	METRO Bus Services	Need additional bus stops in the neighborhood	METRO
◆		Expand knowledge of the bus system	METRO
◆		New street lighting near bus stops	METRO
◆	White Oak Station	Envisioned to serve the Antoine Corridor and potentially commuter rail along the Burlington Northern Rail line. A mutli-modal hub.	METRO

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Neighborhood Character

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◆	Neighborhood Stabilization	Identify subdivisions without deed restrictions and work to establish	DON; P & D
◆	Tree Canopy Preservation	Develop a new ordinance to protect existing trees	DON; P & D
◆	Neighborhood Gateways	Identify entrance locations and enhance with signs and gateways	
◆	Vacant Lots	Maintain vacant lots	DON
◆		Maintain vacant lot at De Soto and Antoine Dr.	
◆		Overgrown/Weeds: Wheatley @ Bland (by bus stop)	
◆		Overgrown/Weeds: Orebo St. between W. Montgomery and Victory Dr.	
◆	Mini-Murals	Identify sites for mini-murals	MOCA
◆	Sound Wall	Need sound wall between Wheatley and Sam Rose	TxDOT
◆	Wayfinding, public art and gateways	Develop public art and signage that celebrates the community and the waterways. Transform area bridges over waterways with public art.	MOCA

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Parks, Open Spaces and Community Amenities

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	New Parks	Transform former Inwood Forest golf course into a community park	HPARD; Houston Parks Board
◆	Expand Library Hours	Expand Library hours at Acres Home Library	HPL
◆	Community Centers and Recreation Programs	Expand access to community centers and recreation programs	HPARD
◆	Acres Homes Multi-Service Center	Green Space, Building Updates	Building Services
◆	Improve Area Parks	Upgrade existing parks with lighting and recreational facilities Improve Playground at Windsor Park Improve drainage at Sylvester Turner Park Acquire private park at St. Monica's Catholic Church for public park	HPARD; Houston Parks Board
◆	Bayou Greenways	Extend White Oak Bayou Greenway from Pinemont to Antoine	Houston Parks Board
◆	Bayous and Creeks	Transform the area's bayou and creeks into amenities and open spaces	Houston Parks Board
◆	Park Improvements	(CIP 2017-2021 Unspecified Park Improvements) Ballfield Lighting Splashpad Renovation Playground Replacements Swimming Pool Upgrades	HPARD HPARD HPARD HPARD HPARD

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Safety

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◆	Police Presence	Expand police presence	HPD
◆	Positive Interaction Program	Engage residents in HPD's Positive Interaction Program	HPD
◆	Address safety at Ella Park Terrace	Work with apartment manager and residents to address security at Ella Park Terrace	Property Manager; HPD
◆	Abandoned Homes	House at 867 Dillard St., Abandoned and dangerous	DON
◆	Stray Dogs	Prevent stray dogs, and other animal abuses	DON

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